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SUBJECT: CHILEAN GENERAL COMMENTS ON COUP

1. TRANSITING LIMA ENROUTE TO BOGOTA WHERE HE TAKING GROUP OF CADETS TO PARTICIPATE IN MILITARY SPORTS EVENTS, CHILEAN GENERAL JAVIER PALACIOS MET YESTERDAY WITH LOCAL PRESS.

2. LA PRENSA REPORTS THAT PALACIOS LED THE CHARGE ON LA MONEDA PALACE. WHEN THE GENERAL REACHED ALLENDE'S QUARTERS, HE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THE PRESIDENT'S "BODY WAS STILL WARM AND I DID NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO TOUCH HIM." ALLENDE HAD BEEN DEAD FOR ONLY TEN MUNITES, PALACIOS SAID.

3. PALACIOS TOLD PRESS THAT ALLENDE DIED OF TWO SELF-INFILCTED SUBMACHINE GUN WOUNDS WHICH ENTERED UNDER HIS CHIN AND CAME OUT ALLENDE'S HEAD. PALACIOS ADDED THAT THE SUICIDE WAS CONFIRMED BY ALLENDE'S OWN DOCTOR WHO WAS FOUND AT LA MONEDA.

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4. QUESTIONED REPEATEDLY ABOUT THE NUMBER OF DEATHS IN CHILE, PALACIOS WAS INSISTENT THAT NO MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED DIED, LA PRENSA WRITES. (EXTREME LEFTIST EXPRESO CARRIED INTER PRESS SERVICE STORY TODAY DATEDINED CORDOBA, ARGENTINA, MENTIONING 9,000 DEATHS.)

5. LA PRENSA REPORTS THAT PALACIOS BLAMED MARXISM FOR CHILEAN CHAOS. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, PALACIOS SAID, CHILEAN ARMED FORCES, CONSCIOUS OF THEIR MORAL DUTY, HAD TO USE FORCE BECAUSE THERE WAS NO OTHER SOLUTION.

6. LA PRENSA QUOTES PALACIOS AS SAYING THAT ARMED FORCES WILL "MARRY NEITHER MOSLEMS NOR CHRISTIANS" BUT IF POLITICIANS WANT TO HELP NEW CHILEAN PROCESS, THEY CAN. PALACIOS ADDS THAT (UNSPECIFIED) GAINS MADE BY PEOPLE WILL BE RESPECTED BECAUSE IT WOULD BE A BIG MISTAKE TO TURN BACK.

7. LA PRENSA CONCLUDES STORY MENTIONING PALACIOS' SEVERE CRITICISM OF UNDESIRABLE URUGUAYANS AND CUBANS IN CHILE.

8. PRESS ALSO CARRIES CONFLICTING REPORTS ATTRIBUTED TO PALACIOS ON RESUMPTION OF INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE SERVICE TO CHILE. ACCORDING ONE DAILY, SUCH SERVICE WILL BE RESUMED TODAY. OTHER NEWSPAPER SAYS IT WILL RESUME THIS WEEK. PALACIOS IS FURTHER REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT JOURNALISTS ARE FREE TO TRAVEL TO CHILE (ALTHOUGH LOCAL AP CORRESPONDENT DOUBTS THAT TRAVEL WILL BE POSSIBLE BEFORE MONDAY).

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